CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for price auditing in a supply chain management framework,

2   comprising:

3   a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the

4   data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;

5   b) generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a

6   plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

7   c) sending the electronic order forms to the distributors utilizing the network;

8   d) receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;

9   e) calculating a price for the goods utilizing the electronic order forms and the

10   invoices; and

11   f) auditing the price.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a

2   predetermined amount.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the price of the goods is calculated from the

2   electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of goods with a

3   plurality of prices.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the

2   stores.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the

2   stores.

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1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein an electronic mail alert is generated in response
2   to the audit.

1   7.   A system for price auditing in a supply chain management framework,
2   comprising:
3   a)   logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4   network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
5   b)   logic for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods
6   from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;
7   c)   logic for sending the electronic order forms to the distributors utilizing the
8   network;
9   d)   logic for receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;
10   e)   logic for calculating a price for the goods utilizing the electronic order forms and
11   the invoices; and
12   f)   auditing the price.

1   8.   The system of claim 7, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a
2   predetermined amount.

1   9.   The system of claim 7, wherein the price of the goods is calculated from the
2   electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of goods with a
3   plurality of prices.

1   10.   The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the
2   stores.

1   11.   The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the
2   stores.

1   12.   The system of claim 7, wherein an electronic mail alert is generated in response to
2   the audit.

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1 13. A computer program product for price auditing in a supply chain management

2   framework, comprising:

3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain

4   utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;

5 b) computer code for generating electronic order forms based on the data for

6   ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

7 c) computer code for sending the electronic order forms to the distributors utilizing

8   the network;

9 d) computer code for receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;

10 e) computer code for calculating a price for the goods utilizing the electronic order

11   forms and the invoices; and

12 f) auditing the price.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the price is audited by

2   comparing the price to a predetermined amount.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the price of the goods is

2   calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of

3   goods with a plurality of prices.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms

2   are generated by the stores.

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1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms

2   are generated by the stores.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein an electronic mail alert is

2   generated in response to the audit.